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From: Wayne Hedberg
To: Howard Strand
Date: 2/20/2007 11:23:45 AM
Subject: RE: Centennial Citation - NOV# 10003 (Non-coal waste) & Willow Ck. (Crandall Shaft discharge)

Howard,

I wasn't sure if you received notification from Karl about this NOV that he issued earlier this month to the Andalex Centennial Mine. It has been terminated (see attached email). Karl issued based upon operator's failure to control non-coal waste (trash) within the disturbed area. He did not feel that there was an off site impact associated with the violation. Please let us know if OSM concurs this determination.

P.S. - Also we are assuming you are in agreement with our assessment of a "minor offsite impact" for the surface discharge that resulted from the Willow Creek - Crandall Shaft backfilling activities (November/06). I know I saw an acknowledgment email that you had received Pete's email(s) regarding background of the event, our position and DWQ's determination that this qualified as an "upset event" for the UPDES permit. No formal enforcement action was taken by OGM or DWQ. Please advise if further discussion is necessary, or if you need any additional info. We have recently participated in a conference call with the operator, the BLM, and a shaft filling expert from Consol to discuss possible solutions to permanently close/seal the shaft. The shaft is presently fenced and otherwise secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Will keep you advised as the closure plans progress.

Thanks again Howard.

Wayne

CC: Henry Austin; Karl Houskeeper; Pam Grubaugh-Littig; Pete Hess; Sheila Morrison; Susan White

From: Karl Houskeeper
To: Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Date: 2/12/2007 4:39:58 PM
Subject: Centennial 10003 Citation Terminated

Pam,

I terminated citation 10003 @ 4:30 on February 12, 2007, because all noncoal waste had been picked up and place into a controlled storage structure. During my visit I did find one area that had not been cleaned on the upper pad. This area contained numerous sacks of garbage full of respirators and water bottles. I told Dan Guy that they could either take an FTACO or could have it cleaned before I left. The remaining items were removed within 10 minutes. Photo of area before cleaning is attached.

Thanks,
Karl

CC: Daron Haddock; Susan White; Wayne Hedberg

